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HONGKONG, 20th May, 1903.

We have frequently had occasion to note with regret the gradual decline of the China tea trade and to point out the absence in China of any of these methods so popular in India and Ceylon to maintain the market. Every mail from the South brings news of something done to advertise the Indian and Ceylon teas, and, if possible, to improve their quality. As a result of these combined and constant efforts on the part of the producers the annual returns show a growing export while the export of China tea is diminishing. How many grocers in England could supply a customer with China tea? Not, we should think, five per cent. It is almost incredible that even in Hongkong there are compradores who do not keep China tea in stock because they have no sale for it. There are doubtless other reasons than that of the persistent advertising of the Southern teas which account for the declining market for the China product. There is, for instance, a failure to keep abreast of modern methods of preparing tea which causes rivals to deprecate China tea by branding the processes of the industry in vogue in the Celestial Empire as "filthy" and primitive. Tea merchants may be familiar with a picture postcard which represents a Chinaman treading barefooted on a mat covered with tea leaves, and the inscription on the card is: "How tea is prepared in China," or words to that effect. Hundreds of these cards are doubtless sold every year and find their way into homes abroad, only to create disgust and a resolve to drink no more China tea. While producers in India and Ceylon have been steadily improving

the quality of the tea exported, there seems to be a want of such combined effort on the part of the Chinese producer, and China tea has probably suffered more than any other from the Tea Inspection Law enacted by the United States in 1897. The Senate Committee on Commerce, in reporting the Bill, pointed out that millions of pounds of tea unfit for use were being constantly admitted into the United States. China doubtless contributed a considerable percentage of that trash. There is now in process of formation in the United States a National Association for the purpose of promoting the consumption of tea and of safeguarding its interests, especially by the maintenance of the law against adulterated, impure and trashy tea. The Association will also address itself to the dissemination of information in regard to the quality of tea and to the proper methods of its preparation. America must be regarded as a promising field for such work, as the consumption of tea in the United States does not exceed one pound per head of the population per annum, while in Canada it is over four pounds, in England over six pounds and in Australia over seven pounds. If some of the methods of the Indian and Ceylon growers were copied in China we could look forward with confidence to returning prosperity.

The German gunboat *Luchs* left yesterday for Macao.

Captain Hurst, a well-known Taku pilot, has committed suicide.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company are still occupying the Lyceum at Shanghai.

H.M.S. *Glory* and *Alacrity* have been up the Yangtze as far as Kinkiang. The Admiral entertained several residents on the *Glory*.

The services in St. John's Cathedral tomorrow (Ascension Day) will be as follows:—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and address, 11 a.m.

During the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday 23 cases of plague, all Chinese (17 fatal), were reported. Eight dead bodies were found, one of them floating in the Harbour.

Mr. E. A. Murphy, Editor of the *Straits Times*, was married last week to Miss Annie Ruth Lloyd, the eldest daughter of Mr. J. T. Lloyd, an old and much respected resident of Singapore.When last reported H.M.S. *Albion* was at the *Moorhen* on the West River, and the *Phoenix* and *Thetis* were en route to Sandakan and Shanghai respectively. The *Waterwitch* went out to Mirs Bay yesterday.

Mr. A. Turner, Hon. Secretary of the Gun Club, intimates that the finish of the Cadogan Cup competition will be shot off the first fine Wednesday or Saturday. Members who have not shot are requested to do so.

Complaints are frequent that the gas lamps are unfit or turned down early and the streets left in darkness. The Gas Company may be trying to make up for its losses on dear coal; but it was never known to give the streets extra lighting when coal was cheap.

The caps on the manholes of the No. 2 tank in Caine Road are still in a reversed position, or were yesterday, and proving highly efficacious as receptacles for stagnant water. Perhaps, when the showers have passed, the responsible authorities will venture out and see them fixed properly.

Mr. Kidston, Second Secretary of the British Legation at Peking, was thrown while mounting his horse and with one foot in the stirrup, on the 9th, and dragged for nearly 100 yards. His head was badly battered and he was carried into the Legation unconscious, but it was hoped that he had suffered no serious injury.

Damage to the extent of about \$200 was done by a fire which broke out in Queen's Road West yesterday morning, at three o'clock, in the unoccupied first floor of a house situated on the opposite side of the street from the tailor's shop in which a case of arson, having its sequel in the Supreme Court on Monday, occurred some little time ago.

At Pingtu over 150 people were recently burned to death while worshipping in a temple. In burning incense and large quantities of paper, the staircase of the building was set alight, thus preventing all escape. Some jumped out of the windows but were crushed to death on the stones. Others would have jumped but the rush was so great that they could not get out. Most of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

A return prepared by the United States Intelligence Department, and just issued, shows that in ships built and building, England stands first with 624 vessels, of 1,807,000 tons; France second, with 453, of 804,000 tons; Russia third, with 275, of 509,000; Germany fourth, Italy fifth, Japan sixth, and the United States only seventh. In armoured ships, completed and capable of taking their place in line, England stands first, with 64; France second, with 54; Germany third, with 35; Russia fourth, with 34; and the United States fifth, with 24.

When, however, the programmes now in course of execution are completed the United States will rise to the third place in ships capable of fighting in line.

TELEGRAM.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, 17th May.

The Turkish troops while advancing on Ipsk, an Albanian stronghold, were attacked by the Albanians and many were killed and wounded on both sides. The inhabitants of Ipsk have submitted, but many Albanians still hold the mountains.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

16th May.

The new Viceroy, Shun Chon Hain, left Szechuan on the 16th of this Chinese moon (12th May) for Canton, and is expected here about the 10th of next moon; but before he started he sent a number of spies here to find out what the officials have been doing, and report upon the state of affairs in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

It is said in Canton that the gentry and merchants in Kwangtung and Kwangsi have petitioned and wired to the President of the Board of War, H. E. Wang, at Peking, asking His Excellency to cancel the act of the prefect of the Kow Lum prefecture who applied to the French military authorities for assistance in suppressing the Kwangsi rebellion. They also ask that the prefect shall be dismissed from office. It is reported that the French soldiers have marched into the territory of Kwangsi to fight the rebels.

SHANGHAI AND THE NAVY LEAGUE.

The British community of Shanghai, the *N.C. Daily News* says, responded splendidly to the invitation extended to them to form locally a branch of the Navy League, and in the somewhat depressing Court-room of the British Consulate a most enthusiastic send-off was given to the new branch which starts with a membership of 120 members obtained in something under an hour. H. B. M. Acting Consul-General was in the chair and flanking him under the roof of a large-size Union Jack—the only decoration—were Mr. H. P. Wyatt (the delegate of the League), Mr. W. G. Bayne (Chairman of the Municipal Council), Mr. J. O. P. Bland, Mr. R. M. Campbell, Mr. R. W. Little, Mr. A. M. Marshall, and Mr. Alex. Wright, members of the Provisional Committee. The Court-room was filled, and the thoroughly representative nature of the audience is shown by the mention among those present of Archdeacon Monle, the Rev. H. C. Hodges, Capt. Boisragon, Mr. C. J. Dudgeon, Mr. C. S. Addis, the Rev. W. G. Walsh, and Mr. E. S. Little.

A few brief words of commendation came from Mr. Mansfield, who pointed out that Mr. Wyatt was making his tour of the world in the interests of the League at his own expense, and who said also that he had been himself a member of the League for some time.

Mr. Wyatt proved himself an orator of intense earnestness and a very real eloquence. He established very clearly the value of the League, and dwelt on the fact that it was essentially non-party and non-jingo. Its sole desire was to strengthen the hands of any and every Government in providing money for an efficient navy. How necessary that was in a democratically governed country had been proved by the events of 1878 and 1884 when serious crises had found the country in a grave state of unpreparedness. In glowing words Mr. Wyatt depicted the distress and starvation which must involve Great Britain and its colonies if the command of the sea were lost but temporarily, and he pointed out that no amount of money could bring a fleet into being at short notice; that in naval warfare, therefore, the verdict must be decided on the strength of the rivals at the commencement of hostilities. The indebtedness of Shanghai to the navy was specially insisted on and a great point was made in stating that valuable information now locked up in the knowledge of men residing in the East might be brought through the League to render vital assistance to the Government.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon in the Chamber Room, City Hall. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, vice-chairman, presided, and there were also present Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. R. Shewan, Messrs. N. A. Siebs, R. C. Wilcox, D. B. Law, C. Michelau, J. R. M. Smith, H. E. Tomkins, A. G. Wood, T. Hough, G. Mayor, J. H. Lewis, A. G. Gordon, T. Cotton, Hon. G. Stewart, M. Stewart, J. W. R. Taylor, H. Schubert, A. Keating, S. D. Seton, K. D. Mistry, E. W. Mitchell, A. J. Raymond, J. R. Michael, W. B. Graham, G. de Cheneaux, W. S. Bailey, A. Shelton, Hooper, J. Gossman, O. J. Ellis, C. R. Scott, W. M. Watson, G. H. Medhurst, etc.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The minutes of last annual meeting and of three special meetings held during the year have been confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN said—The report and accounts of the Chamber of Commerce for 1902 have now been before you for some days and with your permission therefore we will take them as read. Before asking you to pass the report and accounts I will, as is usual, make a few remarks with regard to the more important matters which have transpired since our last annual meeting. The year under review has been a busy one, so far as the Chamber has been concerned and a number of important questions have been dealt with as reference to the published correspondence contained in the report will show. In addition, the year 1902 will always stand prominently in our history as it has seen the Coronation of our gracious ruler His Majesty King Edward VII. We joined with the whole Empire in the grief which was felt at his sudden and dangerous illness; together we rejoiced at his complete recovery and we were with feelings of thankfulness as well as of joy that we all joined in celebrating this important event. Our relations with China have during the year we trust taken another long step forward by the sighting at Shanghai on the 5th September of the treaty prepared by the Special Commissioner, Sir James Mackay. Although like all questions of this sort, we cannot hope to find an unanimous expression of approval given by all concerned, still if this treaty comes into force and its terms are loyally carried out by the Chinese officials it cannot but prove of great and lasting benefit to China and those other powers engaged in trade with her, thus materially advancing the prosperity of this Colony. We have not as yet heard that the terms of the Shanghai treaty have been accepted by any of the other treaty powers, but, as we know, negotiations are now being carried on which we hope may result in a satisfactory agreement being arrived at between the various Governments concerned in the matter. On the 1st November last a new provisional specific tariff was brought into force by the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs as provided for under the terms of the Peace Protocol of 1901 and this has, I believe, up to the present in the main worked satisfactorily. Turning to matters more immediately concerning Hongkong, you will see that many relations to our trade and general welfare have been dealt with in our correspondence with the Colonial Government. In some matters the Government has met our requests to the full. I wish I could add that this were the case on all points submitted. The question of employees and servants which, as you are aware, has been the cause of much inconvenience to residents here in the past has been satisfactorily settled by a recent arrangement which renders all servants on monthly pay leaving their employers without due notice liable to fines or imprisonment. The question of Chinese stowaways in British ships to Manila has also been considered and a bill is now before the Legislative Council which when passed will be confidently hope, put a stop to a state of affairs which while serious enough for the owners engaged in the trade might not allow to continue due to the weakening of those friendly relations which it is so important should continue between the Government of Hongkong and that of the Philippines. In one or two other questions we have not, I regret to say, been equally fortunate in securing the desired support of the Government. In a letter dated 25th April, 1902, addressed to the Hon. Colonial Secretary you will find a report of a claim brought by a junk-owner against a British shipping firm. Your Committee fully endorse the argument put forward by the owners of the steamer concerned that such speculative actions should be discouraged and that in similar cases the junk-owner should be required to provide full security for the costs of the defendants should the latter win their case and also that all such actions should be brought within a reasonable time. Your Committee much regret to find the local Government opposed to such proposals and intend to again take up the question. Another matter in which we find ourselves at variance with the Government is the very important one of the licensing of pilots. The facts are fully stated in the reports dated 10th June and 8th September drawn up by a Sub-Committee of the Chamber especially appointed for that purpose. The Committee are quite unable to follow the arguments against the adoption of their suggestions as put forward by the Government officials, more particularly by the Secretary of State, when we remember that the Government has for some time past made the licensing of all seafarers and engineers of small steam vessels playing in the harbour compulsory. It is needless to go further into detail as in a centre of business such as this Colony which so largely consists of the shipping trade, most of you are more or less connected with or interested in, and the Committee feel confident that in this matter they can rely upon your cordial support when, as they intend to do, they again take up this question. The question of absconding Chinese debtors has been brought to the notice of the Committee, who regret that in this matter they find themselves in disagreement with the British Consul-General at Canton in his reading of Article XXXII of the Tientsin Treaty. The Committee propose to go further into this question at an early date. The undue advantage which certain junks have obtained in the Canton trade by flying foreign flags has been represented to the Home Government, and we trust that before long a satisfactory solution will be found for dealing with what we cannot but consider is an improper use of foreign flags in Chinese waters. During the past year the Canton Viceroy has endeavoured in several directions to increase his revenue by illegal exactions on foreign trade, notably on opium and yarn. Thanks chiefly to the firm attitude taken by the British Consul-General at Canton, these questions have now been satisfactorily disposed of and your Committee are glad to have this opportunity for acknowledging the courteous consideration they have always received at the hands of Mr. James Scott and their high appreciation for the ability and energy he has displayed in protecting and fostering our trade in his district. (Applause.) It is also fitting that we should acknowledge the manner in which the British Minister Sir E. Estow, has dealt with these matters when

laid before him. (Renewed applause.) Considerable attention has been devoted to a scheme for improving the system of storm warnings in order to ensure a more effectual and prompter supply of weather forecasts to vessels on the point of sailing. I am glad to be able to report that we understand the Government has decided to grant what we ask, and it is hoped the new system will be brought into force at an early date. This is more than ever necessary, as the typhoon season is now approaching. During the last year your Committee have carried on some further correspondence with the Joint Telegraph Companies on the question of their rates and we can only express our extreme dissatisfaction with the attitude taken up by these Companies. Bearing in mind the fact that rates from India have been reduced and a reduction of 20 per cent. has been given in the Straits, we must protest against the Telegraph Companies taking advantage of a monopoly which they unfortunately possess in regard to landing rights for lines from the South, thus maintaining so far as this Colony is concerned their charges at what we cannot but consider an undue figure. The only change which has been accepted is after our representations on the subject has been that the local rates in currency have been increased to meet the depreciation in silver. During the year 1902 the health of the Colony was more satisfactory than has been the case for some years past, but unfortunately since the closing of this port an outbreak of bubonic plague has taken place more serious than that of last year. A most important measure known as the "Public Health and Buildings Bill" has now been brought into force and this coupled with the more adequate water supply which we trust to secure within a measurable distance of time cannot fail to have a very marked effect upon the general health of the Colony, and will, we trust, put an end to these recurrent epidemics of plague which have at intervals during the past ten years so seriously affected our free intercourse with surrounding countries and cost us heavily not only in life but also financially. All information at our disposal points to the fact that the foreign trade of China is steadily advancing. The Empire if properly administered can easily meet all its foreign obligations, and we consider therefore there is not the slightest justification for the demand which we understand has been put forward for the payment of customs duties to be made in gold. I have now to refer to the several changes which have taken place in the representations of the Chamber. Our late Chairman, Sir T. Jackson, having left shortly after our last annual meeting, his place was filled by Mr. C. S. Sharp, while the Vice-Chairmanship was taken by Mr. Poole. To both these gentlemen the Chamber is much indebted for valuable services rendered and I would specially refer to those of Mr. Sharp, who, while having many other calls upon his time, devoted much attention to furthering the interests represented by this Chamber. (Applause.) Mr. Whitehead, who for so many years has represented the Chamber in the Legislative Council, has unfortunately left the Colony and I feel sure the members will all cordially endorse the appreciation of his services which at the time was expressed by the Chairman. (Applause.) Mr. Whitehead has now been succeeded by Mr. Shawan, whose hands we feel our interests are well placed. (Renewed applause.) I much regret that it is my unpleasant duty to refer to an entry in the accounts with regard to certain defalcations of one of our clerks. The form in which the accounts are now rendered and other steps which have been taken by the Secretary as to the method of collecting subscriptions, etc., etc., will I believe make impossible in the future a similar occurrence. The auditors have informed me that they are now satisfied with the manner in which the books are kept. For some time past it has been felt that the rules of the Chamber, which were drawn up 30 years ago, should be revised and brought up to date. This has now been done, and you will be asked in a later resolution to consider, and, if approved of, to pass these new rules. Since the closing of the report other questions have arisen and it appears desirable that I should refer to those requiring special attention. The all important currency question has during the past year received the earnest attention of the Committee who, however, could not find a way to making any recommendation on the subject, although they realized the many disabilities experienced in the course of our business by an unstable and steadily declining value of silver. When one or two slight amendments had been made, Mr. A. SHERIDAN HOOPER seconded the proposal, remarking that they had it on the authority of the Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong that St. John's Cathedral represented the only freehold in the Colony; all others were leasehold.

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The meeting thereupon dispersed.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, 17th April.

THE PRESIDENT.

President Loubet never was much of a sailor, and has a horror of sea-sickness; his passage from Marseilles to Algiers where he arrived safely on board the war-ship *Jeanne d'Arc* was extremely rough, and the distinguished traveller was terribly sea-sick. Many surprises, all agreeable ones, awaited his arrival; apart from being accorded a most enthusiastic welcome from his countrymen and friendly tribes, he little expected to be so warmly welcomed by representatives of the British Navy. The band of H.M.S. *Magnificent* struck up the "Marsellais," while Rear-Admiral Curzon-Hove and the senior officers stood bareheaded on the bridge. This mark of respect was acknowledged in return by the band of the *Jeanne d'Arc* playing "God Save the King." This exchange of compliments created a most pleasing effect on all, present, and was another proof that the relations between the two countries were as they should be. The President was right glad when the sea voyage was over, and looked very tired, as he landed amidst a salute of 101 guns from the various ships assembled in the harbour. Mr. Loubet drove to the Palace escorted by thirty Arab chiefs dressed in gold and purple, mounted on the most richly caparisoned chargers. The reception which followed was very brilliant, and was rendered more so by the presence of the British officers of the Squadron. To these the President was out of the way cordial, assured them that he more than appreciated the honour paid to him on his arrival, and that

old masters are prominently to the front in this year's *Salon* or Picture Show. Carols Duran among other famous toiles, exhibits a portrait of an English lady exquisitely painted. His chef-d'œuvre promises to be much admired. So is the picture of the Jarts, the Socialist deputy, by Veber, a master of caricature. (Applause.)

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recently had brought home to us in a forcible manner that Great Britain and her Colonies are an entity and that we, as a far distant outpost of that Empire under whose flag we dwell, are closely bound up with the well-being not only of the mother country but of our brother Colonists throughout the world. The Committee has recently been asked by the Government whether we approve of the 24th May being fixed as a public holiday to be observed as "Empire Day" throughout the British Dominions. (Applause.) I feel sure the members of this Chamber will readily endorse the decision of the Committee in agreeing to this proposal. It is not only fitting that this holiday should be observed in part as a memorial of that gracious Sovereign who for so many years ruled over us and who spent her best endeavours in promoting the well-being and happiness, not only of her own people but of all mankind, but also that by this year's celebration of "Empire Day" the children of the Colony should thus learn from their earliest days the great lesson that they are citizens of the British Empire and have part and parcel in her joys and sorrows. (Applause.)

In seconding the motion, Mr. G. H. MEDHURST said—Gentlemen, I congratulate the Committee on the very satisfactory results of their labours during the past twelve months, and if their efforts on every occasion have not been attended with success, still very much good work has been accomplished. I regret that the Telegraph Companies have not seen their way to lower their tariff rates to Europe, and hope that the representations made by the Chamber with regard to the compulsory adoption of the proposed official vocabulary will have the desired effect, as otherwise the cost to all business firms will be enormous, if they have to revise and reprint their codes. I venture to express the hope that the negotiations now being carried on by the various Treaty Powers may ultimately result in a series of new treaties, based more or less on the lines of the "Mackay Shanghai Treaty," as such cannot but result in a large increase in the trade with China, benefiting all concerned. We are indeed fortunate in having a Minister at Peking who is so keenly alive to the importance of seeing that our treaties are not violated by the local Chinese authorities, and are doubly fortunate in our present Consul-General at Canton, who has repeatedly shown himself both determined and able to protect our interests. (Applause.) The Chairman has referred to the new Admiralty Dock, and I trust that the petition so extensively signed will lead to the present site being available for the expansion of the City so much needed. With these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

There were no other remarks, and the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The next business was the adoption of the new rules circulated some three weeks ago. In reference to these, the CHAIRMAN said they had been very carefully drawn up and did not involve any very considerable changes. Their principal provision was with regard to the election of a representative of the Chamber to the Legislative Council. (Applause.)

Mr. R. C. WILCOX seconded the proposal, and said he had the more pleasure in doing so, as he had been one of the Sub-Committee engaged in compiling the new rules. They were very much needed, because the original rules had not been revised since the Chamber was founded, and did not cover many circumstances that had since arisen.

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A SCARCITY OF MONEY.

The scarcity of money is a cause of great anxiety to tradesmen; and as Society shows very little signs of preparing for the coming season, it is very likely there may be "no season this season." A few balls and dinner parties are given, but these take place mostly in chateaux, or country mansions, and do not benefit the capital.

KING EDWARD'S VISIT.

The British Colony is next to ready to welcome its Sovereign, while the Embassy is up to its eyes in work applying the finishing touches to the King's suite of apartments. The preparations made by Parisians far surpassed anything which Britishers anticipated. The Republic has gone out of its way to bid welcome to King Edward, and President Loubet will receive as sincere a welcome next autumn in London as His Majesty will receive in Paris at the close of next week, or on the 1st of May. The Tsar was feted while in the French capital but his reception was not to be compared to that shortly to be extended to his royal uncle.

M. Loubet in the course of conversation with Rear-Admiral Curzon-Hove, at Algiers, observed that His Majesty would be well satisfied with the ovation which he would receive from Parisians, and of this every English person feels certain in advance. Politicians intend to take every advantage of King Edward's visit to Paris, and bring about a lasting pledge of peace between France and England. Indeed, it would be a glorious occasion for both countries to smooth away past misunderstandings. No better alliance could be formed than one between France and Great Britain; at the back of England is power and worldly prestige which no other nation can equal, much less surpass. Russia never was France's best friend; as for the alliance, which existed only on paper, it had no weight outside France. Russian friendship was weakened by constant demands for money. England needs no such loans, and that is a consideration which France in her present attempt to bring about a reconciliation between Britishers and French will do well to bear in mind. After all the few differences between England and France, which will be brought nearer to a solution by the King's visit, are very trivial, and can be easily squared by the two peoples.

THE RELIGIOUS TROUBLES.

Several very disgraceful reports have been circulating relating to the religious disputes, and if the present scandal has any foundation, and is not a mere invention of the article describing the scandal is written by M. Besson, Editor of *The Petit Dauphin*, and signed, the author, an influential local gentleman, makes no attempt to conceal himself. At Grenoble, where the paper is published, the authenticity of the information is believed. Other affairs of a more scandalous character still are alleged to have taken place. In the course of an interview, the head father, Père Grey of the Grande Chartreuse, maintained that the facts are quite correct, and that a certain person came to see the Chief Superior of the Convent, on behalf of one of the political groups of the Chamber, and made a similar proposition. As soon as publicity was given to the scandal, the whole chapter was despatched to the London

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100 Cases MACDONALD and MUIR'S SCOTCH WHISKY;

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4 Cases COGNAC;

12 Boxes ASSORTED SOAPS;

216 Tins ENGLISH TOBACCO;

A Quantity of STORES;

Also

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And

One COMBINATION SAFE and Two

TYPEWRITERS.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [1473]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY),

the 20th MAY, 1903, at NOON, at his

SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

A CONSIGNMENT OF

INDIAN CARPETS AND RUGS.

TERMS.—As usual.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1462]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY),

the 20th MAY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M. at his

SALES ROOMS, No. 46, MORNING HILL ROAD,

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTEL and SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, PICTURES, DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, BEDROOMS, DRAWERS, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, KITCHEN REQUISITES, &c., &c.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1448]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction.

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),

the 21st MAY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M. at No. 2,

EAST AVENUE, Kowloon,

A QUANTITY OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Particulars from Catalogue.

TERMS.—As usual.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [1475]

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [1464]

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE

DURING my absence from the Colony, Mr. A. K. ARCUILLI is authorised to sign my Name for Procurator.

W.M. SHAW, [1417]

HONGKONG, 12th May, 1903.

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公有限公司

有船輪船中

THE OFFICES of the above Company have been OPENED at No. 36, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 2ND FLOOR.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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CHINESE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

司公美華

IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND

MANUFACTURERS.

THIS Company's Offices are Established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD, opposite Douglas Pier.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

[1321]

NOTICE

AFTER the 25th MAY, 1903, I, FOO QUAI SUN, of the firm of SON LOY CHAN, SING KEE & CO., situated in No. 4, Victoria Street, next to Central Market, do hereby agree to sell my share of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to LI CHUI EEN TONG.

Accounts of all debts caused by me on behalf of the Firm must be forwarded to the above Office before the above named date; if later they will not be recognized.

Also, I, FOO QUAI SUN, hereby notify that I have lost my Share-book. If the same be presented to the above named Company's Office after the 25th inst., it also will not be recognized.

FOO QUAI SUN.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903.

[1468]

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sharp. At the sight he stiffed a deep and muffled curse, as the Gularaz pounced greedily upon it. He had reason to curse deeper still as they ordered him to at once deliver up any arms and ammunition he might have in his possession. Inwardly he groaned again, as he saw his beautiful shot gun and Mauser rifle in the eager grip of the hooked claws of these copper-hued brigands. Then he was ordered outside again.

Murad Afzal had not dismounted from his fine camel, and from the altitude of his seat—for he had ridden into the centre of the camp—was directing operations. Several of his followers were ransacking the tents, trampling out their contents, and soon trunks and dispatch boxes, bags and tins of provisions, articles of clothing and kitchen utensils were piled together in promiscuous heap. But what delighted the warrior soul of the freebooter was the sight of four or five good, up-to-date rifles and a brace of revolvers. The shotguns, too, he contemplated with satisfaction but the rifles appealed to him most, and these he caused to be handed up to him one after the other as he sat on his camel, and each he would bring to his shoulder, sighting it at some object far or near, away over the plain. The weapons of the Levy sowers, who had of course been disarmed, were good, but they were only Martini's. But these—magazine and repeating guns, spick and span and of first-rate workmanship—

that should hand this Feruighi over to their scarcely glutted blood lust and hate.

"Hear me, O great Sirdar," cried a voice, pitched in loud, harsh tones. "Hear me, I can give the information thou requirest, O sword of the Prophet."

The Levy sowers who had surrendered, to the number of about a dozen, were grouped on the outskirts of the freebooters. From one of these the voice proceeded.

"Let him come forward," said Murad Afzal.

"Wey being made, the speaker advanced. He was a youngish man, tall and well built, with aquiline features and a short curling beard.

"Who art thou?" said the chief shortly.

"Mahomed Afzal, Wazir," answered the man.

"Well, what dost thou know?"

"This, O great Sirdar, Murad Afzal. This, this. That on thou didst say my father, Mahomed Jan, to now enter Johanna by the hand of his son."

Quick as thought, while uttering these words had matched a rifle from the loose, unguarded grasp of the man next to him, and without waiting to raise it to his shoulder, discharged the piece well-night blank at the chief. But the ball hummed viciously past, just ruffling the edge of his turban.

For the camel, whether acting under the influence of the ineradicable gaudiness which is inherent in it, sprang, or irritated by the harsh reiteration right of its ear, had suddenly reached round its head with a swift, grant, making a vicious snap at the world-beater, with the double effect of somewhat marring his aim and moving its rider by just the few inches requisite to the saving of his life. In a twinkling the man was indeed off to-day.

"So jungle wallah?" began Murad Afzal, speaking in Hindustani, and smirkingly w'ithal.

"So jungle wallah, I told you I was not accustomed to ask the same question twice; yet this time, I will give you yet another chance, and ask it the third time. Where is Raynier?"

"That I can't tell, for I don't know," answered Haslam with perfect truth.

The chief bant over, and whispered instructions to some of his followers on the off-side of his camel. These came round, and laying a hand on Haslam's shoulder ordered him to go with them. Resistance was absolutely useless, and Haslam was marched away. They were taking him in the direction of the Levy sowers' camp, he noticed, of course to execute him there. His time had come, he concluded. Rapidly as he walked to his doom, his past life flashed through his recollection. He had been a carefree sort of chap, he supposed, like others, no better—he would have shrank from the imputation of making any other claim—but, he hoped no worse. He had not troubled his head much about what lay beyond the grave, nor had he ever shrank from death when duty or dangerous sport had brought him within gazing distance of it. Perhaps if all that was thought of what came after it were true, or even a portion, why he was surrendering his life rather than give information which should place the lives of others in danger, and it might be taken into consideration. But of mercy at the hands of any ruthless freebooter he had no hope. At any rate he would meet a swift death—they would shoot or bashed him, and they might have done him to death by slow torture. He thought of his wife and young family away in England. Would they miss him much, and more important still, would the Government do anything for them over and above the rather moderate pension which they would draw from the fund in which he had subscribed throughout his term of service? It was not probable. Government was seldom liberal. Then his thoughts were broken upon. They had reached the tents of the Levy sowers, and into one of these he was ordered.

Wondering he obeyed. What did it mean? Were they not going to put him to death after all, if it occurred to them they would hardly have brought him into a tent for such a purpose? But he was ordered to seat himself, and remain perfectly still—and informed that any movement he might make, or sound that he should utter, would be his last. And then, immediately outside the canvas, which screened him from the outer world, he heard the loud, sharp, double report of a rifle.

One other heard it too, and that one was Tarleton. To his mind it suggested but one solution—possible rescue to wit—acting upon which idea he did what a man of his bulldog temperament would be expected to do, but which, had his ideas been correct, was the very worst possible thing he could have done. He came to the tent door, and looked eagerly and anxiously out.

Murad Afzal still sat there on his great camel, his countenance as cold and impulsive as the graceful folds of his snowy turban, while upon his followers a strange hush had fallen. At sight of the Feruighi it was broken—broken by mittered curses and threats. But—where was Haslam?

The chief beckoned him forward, and he had to obey. Yes, obey. There was no mincing the word. He was in the power—absolutely in the power of this man, the "nigger," as he would have described him, a hour ago.

"You need those shots," said the Gularaz haughtily from the loftiness of his tall steed. "Yes? Look around. Where is the jungle wallah?"

Tarleton did look round—with some alacrity moreover. But no sign of Haslam rewarded his glances. He began to see the grim drift of the injunction.

"You will see your friend no more," went on the chief. "I asked him a question—for the third time. He would not answer—so he was shot—over there."

He paused, with intent to let the full weight of his words sink deep in the other's mind. Like most wild, or semi-civilised people, the Gularaz freebooter was a character reader, and knew his man. But, before the other had time to answer an interruption occurred, as startling as it was unforeseen.

All were watching the result of the dialogue between the chief and the prisoner. Fierce eyes, dark beneath shaggy brows, claw-like fingers, fast the edge of a scimitar long and sticky with blood that had already been shed. Eagerly heads were bent forward, awaiting the word.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 18. ANTENOR, British str., 3,562, Rowland Williams, Singapore 130, May, General.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

May 19. ATHENIAN, British str., 2,210, H. Robinson, Vancouver and Shanghai 16th, May, General—C. P. R. Co.

May 18. TSURUGISAN, MARU, Japanese str., 2,556, T. Nakasaki, Moji 13th May, Coal.

Comet, &c.—MITSUI BUSAN KAISHA.

May 19. AMARA, British str., 1,536, C. J. Mattock, Hongkong 18th May, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

May 19. GUTHRIE, British str., 2,313, A. E. Dabson, New 13th May, Rice—GIBSON, LIVINGSTON & CO.

May 19. HALOONG, British str., 783, Gibson, Tamshui 15th May, Amoy 17th and Swatow 18th, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

May 19. HORSTEIN, German str., 1,185, Lorenzen, Saigon 16th May, Rice—JENSEN & CO.

May 19. KAIFONG, British str., 1,024, G. H. Pennefather, Ilolo via Cebu 15th May, Sugar and Hemp—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

May 19. KWANGLEE, Chinese str., from Canton.

May 19. PHRA CHOM KLAO, German str., 1,011, D. Beimert, Bangkok 11th May and Kohchang 13th, Rice and Wood—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

May 19. QUATEAUX, German str., 5,200, P. Grossi, Bruxelles 7th April, Mail and General—MELCHERS & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

19th May.

Anging Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.

Antenor, British str., for Hoochow.

Apennine, German str., for Saigon.

Barony, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

19th May.

AMIGO, German str., for Shanghai.

ANPING, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

ARAGONIA, German str., for Yokohama.

CALEDONIAN, French str., for Europe.

CHIANGCHUW, British str., for Amoy.

CHINA, Austrian str., for Trieste.

CHUNSONG, British str., for Canton.

GUTHRIE, British str., for Canton.

MADUM, British str., for Swatow.

ILOI MARI, Japanese str., for Shantou.

LOMOMON, German str., for Shanghai.

LUCHI, German gunboat, for Macao.

MORAVIA, Austrian str., for Yokohama.

NANKIN, British str., for Kolo.

P. C. C. KLAO, German str., for Bangkok.

RAJPUT, British str., for Singapore.

ULDRIDGE, Norwegian str., for Moji.

WATERWICH, British str., for Mirs Bay.

WOODSUNG, British str., for Shanghai.

YUNNAN, British str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

19th May.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—

KWILLOW DOCKS.—Mondays, H. I. G. M. S.

Jaguar, Canton River, San Joquin, Tayabas.

H. M. S. Sandpiper, Penang, Thea, Triglur.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Taichow, Guevour.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Kaiyong*, from Iloilo via Cebu 15th May, experienced light variable winds and smooth sea to Fortune Island; thence moderate S. W. wind and fine weather.

The British steamer *Guthrie*, from Wulu 13th May, experienced light to strong variable winds and slight sea accompanied by thick hazy weather and overcast sky throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Hailoong*, from Tamsui 15th May, Amoy 17th and Swatow 18th, had dense fog in Formosa Channel; light southerly breeze with rain from Amoy to Swatow. From Swatow to port variable wind with heavy rain squalls.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamer

"LIGHTNING,"

Captain J. G. Space, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 20th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1903. [1413]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"STUTTGART,"

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

Captain P. Grech, will leave for the above places TO-DAY, the 20th inst., at NOON.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

For further particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1903. [15]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamer

"YUENSANG."

Captain S. J. Payne, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1444]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamer

"VINOBOINA."

Captain Colcl, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDEE, WIELEER & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1486]

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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FOR MOJI, KOBE, MANZANILLO, MEXICO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamer

"LOTHIAN,"

Captain Williamson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 21st May, at NOON.

For Freight, apply at the Company's Office, 35, Queen's Road Central, 2nd Floor.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1903. [1318]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamer

"HALOONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at NOON.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [1471]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OPACK"	On 9th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 15th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 20th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 27th June.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 25th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
LIVERPOOL VIA GENOA	"HYSON"	On 20th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 7th July.
LIVERPOOL	"OPACK"	On 14th July.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PELEUS"	On 21st July.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th June.
The S.S. "ANTENOR" has arrived, and leaves for Shanghai to-day.		
The S.S. "OANFA" left Tacoma on the 14th inst. for Kobe and Hongkong.		

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1903.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 20th May.
MANILA	"TSINAN"	On 22nd May.
TEURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, GAIROS, TOWNSVILLE, BRIE	"TSINAN"	On 22nd May.
BAE SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"KAIFONG"	On 26th May.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 26th May.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.		
+ Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.		
+ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.		
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.		
For Freight or Passage, apply to—		

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK
VIA SUEZ CANAL
(With liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS)

THE "Shire" Line Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE" shortly expected, will have quick despatch.

The American Asiatic Steamship Company's "NOEMAN ISLES" will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 15th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOME & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [118]

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "CHU KONG" (Captain Mason)

DEPARTURES from Hongkong to Macao daily at 7.30 A.M. (Sunday included).

Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 2 P.M. (Sunday included).

This steamer is the fastest and has superior Cabin accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class \$1.50

2nd " 0.70

3rd " 4.20

Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO., No. 42, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [146]

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1903. [1430]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BEN MOHR," Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about 3rd June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1903. [1431]

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
TRANSPORT LINE.STEAM FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ
CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HEATHFORD" will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 5th June.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD KARBERG & CO., General Eastern Agents for China.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1903. [1308]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG—MANILA.

REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE MONEY,

SINGLE, \$25; RETURN, \$40.

STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT. FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION. UNRIVALLED TABLE. DULY QUALIFIED SURGEON CARRIED.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. [230]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

DHARWAD, Swedish barque, A. P. Larson—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KENTMERE, British 4-m-barque, T. E. Burch—Standard Oil Co.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1903. [1352]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"BINGO MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of general Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From Kuruchi, ex.s.s. "Kongra".

Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1472]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"NANKIN"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. To-day, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 28th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1472]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENCESTER"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M. To-day, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1472]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANTON"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M. To-day, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1472]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CHINA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

TO-DAY.
Sale, Wine, etc., Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.
Sale, Carpets and Rugs, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, noon.
Sale, Household Furniture, 46, Morrison Hill Road, Macao, Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Clothing, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 2, East Avenue, Kowloon, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

10th May.

ON LONDON.	Telegraphic Transfer 1.81
Bank Bills, on demand	1.81
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.81
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.81
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.81
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1.81
ON PARIS.	Bank Bills, on demand 2.14
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.14
ON GERMANY.	On demand 174.2
ON NEW YORK.	Bank Bills, on demand 41.1
Credits, 60 days' sight	42.1
ON BOMBAY.	Telegraphic Transfer 1.27
Bank, on demand	1.27
ON CALCUTTA.	Telegraphic Transfer 1.27
Bank, on demand	1.27
ON SHANGHAI.	Bank, at sight 7.14
Private, 30 days' sight	7.14
ON YOKOHAMA.	On demand 8.91
ON MANILA.	On demand Par.
ON SINGAPORE.	On demand Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.	On demand 10.3
ON HAIKONG.	On demand 2 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.	On demand 2 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.	On demand 61
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 111.0	Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael 261.10
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25

OPIUM.

18th May.

Quotations are—	Allowances net, to 1 catty.
Maiva New 8500 to 970 per picoul
Maiva Old 81630 to 9140
Maiva, Older	to —
Maiva, V. Old 81070 to 81680
Persea, fine quality	800
Persea, extra fine	— to —
Pafia New 8900 to — per chest
Pafia Old	— to —
Banres New 895 to —
Banres Old	— to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Roon* left Colombo on the 16th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 27th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Maru* left Shanghai for this port on the 19th inst., at daylight.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Chusan* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 22nd inst., at about 7 a.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 6 p.m. on the 18th inst., and left again at 9 a.m. on the 19th inst. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The C.N. steamer *Titan* left Kobe on the 15th inst., and is due here to-day, at daylight.

The A.I. steamer *Vindobona* left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., p.m.

The C.N. steamer *Nanchang* left Tientsin for this port via Chefoo on the 14th inst., and is due here to-morrow.

The "Ben" Line steamer *Benaloum* from London and Antwerp, left Singapore on the 16th inst. for this port.

The steamer *Princess Marie* left Singapore on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 25th inst.

The steamer *Cambodge* will leave H. P. H. on the 24th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Pleides* left Vladivostok for the 4th inst.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 2nd inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Indrapuram* left Port-land (Or.) for this port via Japan on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyd* left Victoria for Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Dalny and Taku on the 6th inst.

The C.N. steamer *Chingtu*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 5th prox.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tromont* left Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama on the 14th inst. for Kobe and Hongkong.

The N.P. steamer *Olympia* left Tacoma for Yokohama on the 16th inst., p.m.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Tsurugidai Maru*, from Moji via Japan, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mrs. J. Zumstein, Mrs. A. Pearson, Mr. J. Sunn.

For *Atenton*, from Vancouver, &c., Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Bummer, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Du Rockie, Miss F. Head, Messrs. Roberts, Walford, Simmonds, Hiles, Andrews, O'Reilly, Weston, Taylor, Longstaff, Mann and Merton.

For *Bingi Maru*, from London, &c., for Hongkong, Mrs. A. P. Grant, Mrs. Geowne, Misses H. L. Pratten and F. Schaefer, Messrs. A. Derby, de Verillia, E. J. Patterson, H. Holden, Chard, Binning, H. Mathias, A. Parry, D. Ross, A. Mason and M. Fru, for Japan, Mrs. Leibster and two children, Messrs. G. H. Meares, Harbush, Schlafer, J. Kawai, T. Araki, T. Sawada, S. Akatsu, S. Matani, K. Sasaki, T. Nishimura, Anazaki, Mr. and Mrs. Nishimura and Ch. N. Kawano.

For *Phra Chao Kao* from Bangkok, Mr. and Mrs. Colacca and Mr. Murphy.

For *Kajou*, from Holo, &c., Mr. and Mrs. McKee, Mrs. W. Lewton, Mrs. G. Temper, Misses B. Cutts, Bierick, De Ross and G. Arbo, Master O. Miranda, Messrs. J. Hill, B. Howell, G. Mercer, F. Fulton, J. Miranda, J. Arbo and A. Champat.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 10th May.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shui	\$125	\$670. London 263.
Nat'l Bank of China	\$25	\$251, buyers
A. Shares 25	\$251, buyers	
Four Shares 21	\$10, sellers	
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	\$10	\$10, sellers
Campbell, Alison & Co.	\$12	\$11, sellers
China Light and Power Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$8.
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$8.50, buyers
China Sugar 20	\$108, sellers	
Cigar Companies 250	\$350, sellers	
Alhambar, Ltd.	\$10	\$10.
Chittipun Tobacco Trust Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$10.
Cotton Mills 20	\$10.	
Ewo 100	Tls. 30.	
International 15	Tls. 30, sellers	
Laou Kung Mow 10	Tls. 45.	
Hongkong 10	\$10, buyers	
Dairy Farm 25	\$11, buyers	
Fenwick & Co., Geo. Green Island Cement Co. & C. Biscuitery 25	\$234, buyers	
H. & C. Biscuitery 210	\$140, buyers	
Hongkong Electric 10	\$12, sellers	
H. H. L. Tramways 250	\$320.	
H.K. Steam. Water-boat Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$13, buyers
Hongkong Hotel 25	\$150, sales	
Hongkong Inn 25	\$240, sellers	
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